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In re Application of: **Yukio KATO *et al.***

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For: **Human Fetus Chondrocyte-Derived Gene**

Group Art Unit: **1642**

Examiner: **Minh-Tam Davis**

AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In response to non-final Office Action mailed June 9, 2006 in the above identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks intended to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants also submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time with provision for the required fee requesting that the due date for response to the outstanding office action, which originally extended to September 9, 2006, be extended three (3) months to and including December 9, 2006. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.